



Docket No. 97078CIPDIV1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Johnson et al. Group Art Unit: 1714  
Application No.: 09/752,227 Examiner: Shosho, C.  
Filed: December 29, 2000  
For: **MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING IMPROVED DISPERSING PROPERTIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 68 and 73-79 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby wish to confirm the provisional election of Group I, Claims 57-72 drawn to modified pigment and ink compositions. Claims 73-79 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a further divisional application in view of the provisional election. Claim 68